NEW Dermatology – Canine Atopic Dermatitis

TAKE NOTE

June. Please call for information about eligibility and enrollment criteria.

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Contact: Dr. Julie Fischer at (760) 466-0600

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Increased dosing of enalapril in dogs with glomerular disease.

In conjunction with the Texas A& M GI Lab, VSH is enrolling dogs with chronic small bowel diarrhea, vomiting, or weight loss due to cancer.

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THE DERMATOLOGY SERVICE

FOR DOGS

Oncology – Dogs Receiving Doxorubicin

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We are investigating the benefit of carboxplatin chemotherapy.

Surgery – Hip Resurfacing

HIP resurfacing (HR) is considered a bone sparing technique that preserves the femoral head and avoids the need for a femoral endoprosthesis. In human orthopedics, the incidence of prosthesis failure is low, and hip function is normal. In canine orthopedics, the incidence of prosthesis failure and limb function is decreased.

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Second Annual Veterinary Specialty Hospital Symposium

May 20, 2012, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

University of San Diego

Vet/Tech Workshops

Roundtable Discussion

Dinner

3 Educational Tracks: Veterinarians, Technicians, Managers

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Who is at risk?

For every individual there is a unique combination that can make the skin of each person vulnerable to sunlight’s influences. According to the American Cancer Society, everyone is at risk of skin cancer, but some groups are at higher risk than others:

1. People with fair skin, blue or green eyes, and red or blond hair, as these have the highest level of sunlight sensitivity.
2. People who are 50 years or older.
3. People who have had more than five sunburns.
4. People with a family history of skin cancer.
5. People with a personal history of actinic keratoses, precancerous lesions on the skin.
6. People who work outdoors.
7. People who live in an area with a high level of UV exposure.
8. People who are taking certain medications or have certain skin conditions.
9. People with a history of sunburn.
10. People who have a fair complexion and suntan slowly.
11. People who tend to burn rather than tan.

What are the effects of the sun?

Skin damage results from absorption of ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. There are three main types of UV radiation: UV-A, UV-B, and UV-C. UV-A and UV-B radiation may cause skin irritation, sunburn, and an increased risk of skin cancer, while UV- C radiation can cause eye damage.

The sun’s effects on the skin:

1. Solar damage: This can happen to anyone who spends time outdoors. UV radiation causes the skin to age prematurely, leading to wrinkles, dryness, and a rough appearance.
2. Solar energy: This is the amount of energy the skin absorbs from the sun. Higher levels of solar energy can lead to more significant damage.
3. Solar proteins: These are proteins in the skin that help protect it from the sun. They are affected by UV radiation and can become broken down, leading to skin damage.

What are the risks associated with sun exposure?

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer, with two main forms: basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma. Both are caused by UV radiation. Other types of skin cancer, such as melanoma, can also be caused by sun exposure.

Sunscreens

Sunscreens are the fourth choice. Sunscreen use in humans has increased along with the awareness of the damaging effects of UV rays. However, sunscreen is typically not applied appropriately and is often reapplied less frequently than recommended. As a result, many people are still at risk for skin damage.

We are very excited to add the I-Loc IM Fixator to our fracture repair armament and hope your patients will benefit from it as well. In the next issue of Orthopedics Illustrated, we will feature an in-depth presentation on the I-Loc IM Fixator. To date, there have been no complications reported with use of this device, and it is considered a superior angle-stable interlocking nail that eliminates the drawbacks of the old interlocking nail system.

I-LOC IM Fixator

The I-LOC IM Fixator is a new, innovative interlocking nail for treating fractures in the cervical region of the spine. It is made of titanium and has a unique interlocking design that allows for greater stability than an intramedullary pin. It is also easier to insert and remove, reducing the risk of complications.

The I-LOC IM Fixator is designed to improve fracture healing by providing additional stability to the fracture site. It is also easier to remove, which can be beneficial if the fracture does not heal as expected.

I-LOC IM Fixator comes to VSH

MAURICE RUSCHI, DVM, DACVS
Hi Everybody:

I hope you all are having a wonderful spring. Here at VSH, we have optimism about the upcoming year as we continue to grow, and have committed to some innovative programs and venues. There will be panels on disc disease and urinary incontinence. And finally I am pleased to taught Mr. Piggy to sit! Too bad he spends so much time on the couch he ruined. And the upcoming year as we continue to grow, and have committed to some innovative programs (including Saturdays) and 5 days a week in Sorrento Valley, and Ophthalmology in North County and 6 days a week in Sorrento Valley. 6. Expansion of Stat Lab to a full-service notch lab is important to your practice.

I thought it would be interesting to review some of our accomplishments in the last 18 months: 1. We added 5 new specialists (Sarena Sunico, radiology; Kate Arnell, internal medicine; Andy Torres, medical oncology; Rachel Bockley, ophthalmology; Dave Rogers, anesthesiology). 2. We added innovative medical programs (bone marrow progenitor cell transplant for lymphoma patients, renal transplant, anesthesiology/pain medicine these molecules absorbs leads to their transformation into photoproducts, which then, via signal transduction, stimulate changes that lead to both acute and chronic changes in the skin, from the opinions of the volunteer.

What problems does the sun cause?

- Sunburn
- Photokeratopathy
- Phototoxicity and Photoallergy Reactions
- Solar Freckles
- Pigmentation
- Premalignant solar keratoses
- Solar elastosis
- Collagen damage.

What can we do?

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Who is at risk?

Any patient can benefit from sun-damage prevention, but a few breeds are particularly prone to solar damage, including: 
- Siamese, Burmese, and Ragdolls
- Persians
- Himalays
- Siamese-Pointed varieties

Pet owners need to be aware of their pet’s risk of sun damage. Some pets are more likely to be at risk than others, and pet owners need to be aware of this to ensure the safety of their pets.

How does the sun cause harm?

Solar injuries range from mild sunburns to more severe forms of skin damage, such as hyperpigmentation, skin cancer, and premalignant lesions. These injuries are caused by exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation, which is divided into three main types: UV-A, UV-B, and UV-C. The skin is particularly susceptible to injury from UV-B and UV-A radiation, which can penetrate the skin and cause damage to the DNA of skin cells.

Sun-related risks for our pets include:
- Skin cancer
- Premalignant lesions
- Photosensitivity
- Phototoxic reactions
- Skin damage

What problems does the sun cause?

Skin Cancer

Skin cancer is the most common type of skin cancer in dogs and cats, and it can cause a variety of different problems, including:
- Skin lesions
- Discomfort
- Pain
- Itching

Skin Lesions

Skin lesions are common in dogs and cats and can be caused by a variety of different factors, including:
- Sun exposure
- Age
- Gender
- Breed

Discomfort

Discomfort is a common symptom of skin lesions and can be caused by:
- Pain
- Irritation
- Itching

Itching

Itching is a common symptom of skin lesions and can be caused by:
- Allergies
- Infections
- Skin irritation

How can you prevent skin cancer?

Preventing skin cancer in dogs and cats involves protecting them from excessive sun exposure. This can be done by:
- Using sunscreen
- Wearing protective clothing
- Providing shade

Sunscreen

Sunscreen is essential for preventing skin cancer in dogs and cats. It is important to choose a sunscreen that is specifically formulated for pets, as human sunscreens may not be effective for animals.

Wearing Protective Clothing

Wearing protective clothing, such as shirts, hats, and gloves, can help to protect pets from sun damage. It is important to choose clothing that is designed to block UVA and UVB radiation.

Providing Shade

Providing shade for pets when they are outside can help to prevent skin damage. This can be done by:
- Using umbrellas
- Setting up a shade tent
- Providing a shaded area

Sun Exposure

Sun exposure is the main cause of skin damage in dogs and cats. It is important to limit sun exposure for pets, especially during peak sun hours.

Age

Age is a factor that can increase the risk of skin damage in dogs and cats. Older pets may have more skin damage than younger pets.

Gender

Gender is not a factor that increases the risk of skin damage in dogs and cats.

Breed

Breed is a factor that can increase the risk of skin damage in dogs and cats. Certain breeds may have a higher risk of skin damage than others.

Skin cancer is preventable with proper sun protection. By implementing these strategies, pet owners can help to protect their pets from the harmful effects of the sun.
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FACEx Foundation is offering pain and helping families.

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